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FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7258

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H PASS SENATOR ORRIN G. HATCH

E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: CASC (ROBBINS, LEW)  
SUBJECT: HOTEL DISPUTE

REF: ROBBINS LETTER OF 18 APRIL 78 HATCH LETTER OF 15  
MAY 78

DEAR SENATOR HATCH:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 15 MAY 1978 CONCERNING  
THE CLAIM OF YOUR CONSTITUENT, LEW ROBBINS, AGAINST  
THE HOLIDAY INN IN PANAMA.

FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF MR. ROBBINS' LETTER, THE EMBASSY  
CONTACTED THE HOLIDAY INN AND WAS ADVISED THAT MATTER  
HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THEIR INSURANCE COMPNAY, BUT THAT  
PAYMENT WAS EXPECTED WITHIN ONE WEEK.

UPON RECEIPT OF SENATOR HATCH'S LETTER THE HOLIDAY  
INN WAS AGAIN CONTACTED. THE HOLIDAY INN INFORMED THE  
EMBASSY THAT ON 16 MAY 78 THEY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM  
COMPANIA INTERNACIONAL DE SEGUROS, S.A., THEIR INSURANCE  
COMPANY WHICH DECLINED PAYMENT OF THE CLAIM ON THE GROUNDS  
THAT IT WAS NOT COVERED UNDER THE CODITIONS OF THE  
POLICY. ON 19 MAY 78, KAROL RATTINGER, THE ASSISTANT  
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INNKEEPER WROTE TO MR. ROBBINS INFORMING HIM THAT THE  
CLAIM HAD BEEN DECLINED. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT  
MR. ROBBINS HAS ALREADY GIVEN HIS LAWYER INSTRUCTIONS  
TO COMMENCE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE HOLIDAY INN'S PARENT  
COMPANY IN THE UNITED STATE.

THE EMBASSY WILL BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE YOU WITH ANY FURTHER

INFORMATION THAT YOU MAY DESIRE, BUT IS UNABLE TO ACT  
AS MR. ROBBINS' LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE IN PANAMA. WE  
WILL BE HAPPY TO SEND HIM A LIST OF LAWYER'S PRACTICING  
IN PANAMA SHOULD HE WISH TO ENGAGE LOCAL COUNSEL.

WILL JORDEN, AMBASSADOR  
AMERICAN EMBASSY  
PANAMA, PANAMA.JORDEN

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